


REMARKS

The applicants have studied the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 16, 2003. The applicants have included the above listing of claims, including the text of all pending and withdrawn claims and providing each claim with the proper status identifier, as required by 37 CFR 1.121. In the previous September 2, 2003 amendment, claim 35 was canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and claims 1, 18, 34, and 36 were amended; thus, claims 1-4, 7-19, 21-24, 34, and 36 are pending. It is submitted that the application, as amended, is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims in view of the previous amendments and remarks are respectfully requested.

If, for any reason, the Examiner finds that the application is other than in condition for allowance and believes that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (818) 576-5291.

Respectfully submitted,

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